

Topical Heading

School Improvement

Program Title

District of Columbia School Choice Incentive Program

Also Known as

D.C. School Choice Program

CFDA # (or ED #)

84.370A

Administering Office

Office of Innovation and Improvement (OII)

Who May Apply (by category)

Nonprofit Organizations, Other Organizations and/or Agencies

Who May Apply (specifically)

(a) An education entity of the District of Columbia government; (b) a nonprofit organization; or (c) a consortium of nonprofit organizations may apply. To receive an award under this program, an applicant must ensure that a majority of the members of its voting board or governing organization are residents of the District of Columbia.

Current Competitions

None. FY 2006 funds support one continuation award.

Type of Assistance (by category)

Discretionary/Competitive Grants

Appropriations

Fiscal Year 2004 \$12,505,778

Fiscal Year 2005 \$13,888,000

Fiscal Year 2006 \$13,860,000

Note: FY 2004 was the first year of funding for this program. Funds are appropriated to the District of Columbia to be administered and awarded by the Department of Education.

Fiscal Year 2006 Awards Information

Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

Number of New Awards Anticipated: 0

Number of Continuation Awards: 1

Average Continuation Award: \$12,454,200

Legislative Citation

D.C. School Choice Incentive Act of 2003 (Title III of Division C of the *Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2004*), P.L. 108-199 Stat. 3 (2004).

Program Regulations

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Program Description

The D.C. School Choice Incentive Program provides low-income parents residing in the District of Columbia (the District) with expanded options for the education of their children. This program is part of a broader school improvement effort in the District that is founded on the belief that all education sectors (public schools, public charter schools, and nonpublic schools) can offer quality education experiences for the District's students, and that those students who are the most economically disadvantaged have the least access to such experiences. One grant was awarded on a competitive basis to establish a scholarship program to provide eligible students with expanded school choice options. These scholarships enable students to attend a participating nonpublic District elementary or secondary school of their choice.

Education Level (by category)

K–12

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Links to Related Web Sites

<http://www.ed.gov/programs/dcchoice/index.html>